

Remarks

The Office Action dated April 9, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated August 25, 2003, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a supplemental response thereto.

The Advisory Action dated August 25, 2003 noted that "none of claims 18, 24 and 25 specifically recite transferring of inverted data from a first semiconductor device to a second semiconductor device." However, Applicant respectfully submit that on page 19 of the Response filed August 7, 2003, Applicant argued that "JP '857 fails to show transferring of inverted data from a first semiconductor device to a second semiconductor device or from the second semiconductor device to the first semiconductor device." (Emphasis Added). In other words, Applicant submits that JP '857 fails to disclose or suggest the transferring of inverted data from a first semiconductor device to a second semiconductor device or from the second semiconductor device to the first semiconductor device because the first semiconductor device as recited in claims 18, 24 and 25 receives a second bus line signal that is a second logic output signal being an inverted signal of a first logical output signal or a first bus line signal from the second semiconductor device. Therefore, it is submitted that JP '857 fails to disclose or suggest each and every element recited in the claimed invention.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-48, each recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. Applicant also submits that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the claims non-

obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and therefore respectfully requests that claims 1-48 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108075-09034.**

Respectfully submitted,



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